

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SELF EMPLOYMENT TO WEAVERS AND CRAFTSMEN

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to the craftsmen and weavers in the country including Jharkhand to start self-employment during each of the last three years, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(b) the number of craftsmen and weavers benefited from this scheme during the said period, State and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b): The Government does not have any scheme both in the Handicrafts and Handloom Sectors, for direct financial assistance to artisans & weavers for the self employment in the country including the state of Jharkhand.

However, for the development of both these sectors, the Government has been implementing various schemes, which provide assistance to the artisans as well as to handloom weavers. In the handicraft sector, the schemes proposed for implementation during the 11th Five Year Plan include: Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana; Marketing Support and Service Scheme; Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme; Welfare Scheme; Human Resource Development Scheme and Research & Development Scheme. In the handloom sector, concerted efforts are being made through the schemes and programmes to increase production, productivity, and the efficiency of weavers and enhance their income and socio-economic status by providing skill upgradation, infrastructure and input supports to them.